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WG-2 ON INTEROPERABILITY OF TACTICAL AIRCRAFT REARMING

REFS: A. USNATO 1215, DTG 051804Z MAR 77; B. STATE 055232,
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1. CONCUR WITH PROPOSAL BY CHAIRMAN OF THE AD HOC COMMITTEE
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ON INTEROPERABILITY, TO TASK WG-2 TO AID IN IMPLEMENTATION
OF RECOMMENDED ACTION PROGRAMS. IN AS MUCH AS WG-2
DEVELOPED AND RECOMMENDED THE PROGRAMS AND UNDERSTANDS THE
RATIONALE INVOLVED, THEY SHOULD PARTICIPATE IN IMPLEMENTA-
TION, BUT WILL MOST LIKELY REQUIRE AUGMENTATION IN THOSE
AREAS OF EXPERTISE NOT CALLED FOR IN THE GROUP'S ORIGINAL
CHARTER.

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2. WE AGREE THAT MAS SHOULD STUDY THE METHODS OF COSTING AND IMPLEMENTING STANAGS REFERRED TO IN PARA 3A OF REF A. WG-2 SHOULD INTERFACE IN SUCH A STUDY, PROVIDING BROAD GUIDANCE TO ENSURE STANAGS INCORPORATE THE DESIRED PROVISIONS. REGARDING STAGE B CROSS-SERVICING, WE AGREE WITH MISSION THAT NATIONS AND NMA'S ULTIMATELY MUST IMPLEMENT STANAG 3430. HOWEVER, WE SHOULD NOT FORECLOSE THE

POSSIBILITY OF MULTILATERAL FUNDING IF SUCH A PROGRAM PROVES USEFUL.

3. IN OUR VIEW, WG-2 SHOULD MEET IN THE NEAR FUTURE TO DETERMINE THE EXTENT OF ADDITIONAL SUPPORT REQUIRED AND MORE CLEARLY DEFINE THE RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN THE WORKING GROUP AND OTHER NATO BODIES. THIS MEETING SHOULD BE FOLLOWED BY WORKING SESSIONS WHICH TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE BUDGET CYCLES OF THE NATIONS INVOLVED. THE OBJECTIVE IS TO PROVIDE COSTING DATA WHICH CAN BE USED IN BUDGET FORMULATION AND HOPEFULLY ACCELERATE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ACTION PROGRAMS.

4. A FURTHER INDICATION OF US SUPPORT FOR TACTICAL AIRCRAFT REARMING CAN BE SEEN IN THE COMPREHENSIVE PROGRAM EMBARKED ON INDEPENDENTLY BY THE USAF TO CERTIFY MANY OF THE SAME WEAPONS INCLUDED IN ACTION PROGRAMS DEVELOPED BY WG-2. THIS EFFORT COULD SERVE AS AN IMPLEMENTATION MODEL FOR OTHER NATIONS AND PROVIDE EARLY COMPLETION OF THOSE PORTIONS APPLICABLE TO THE CONFIDENTIAL

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